

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots Now Online

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The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has made an official Online Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (OFWAB). An alternative to the multi-part paper version, OFWAB serves as an emergency ballot for overseas citizens who did not receive requested state absentee ballots.

Voters may use OFWAB under three, very specific conditions — If they:

- ° are located outside the United States (including APO/FPO addresses);
- ° have applied for a regular ballot early enough that the request is received by appropriate local election officials at least 30 days prior to election; and
- ° have not received the requested paper-version absentee ballot.



Citizens receiving state ballots after submitting OFWAB should additionally submit their state ballot any time up to, and including, election day. However, note on the state ballot envelope that an FWAB was submitted as well.

Specific instructions for submitting OFWAB can be found at www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefwab.html. Consult Chapter 3 of the 2004-05 Voting Assistance Guide for specific state or territorial requirements. A postage paid indicia may be printed on envelopes mailed within APO/FPO or U.S. postal system from FVAP website at www.fvap.gov/pubs/returnenvelope.html.

FVAP can be contacted via e-mail at vote@fvap.ncr.gov or through the DoD Voting Information Center toll-free number listed on the FVAP website, www.fvap.gov.

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